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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ADJUSTING IMPEDANCE OF **MATCHING CIRCUIT**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents,

Sir:

AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action of December 19, 2002, please amend the above identified U.S. Patent application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the original abstract with the enclosed substitute abstract.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the original specification with the enclosed substitute specification.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 14-24 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein. Please amend claims 1-13 as follows.

1. (Amended) A matching-circuit impedance adjusting method for adjusting impedance of a matching circuit by, in a matching circuit having a pattern line, partly cutting out at least one